

Welcome to the Bergthaler Mennonite
Church of Altona
August 27, 2023
10:30 am

*"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."
2 Corinthians 12:9*

Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Music God of our strength HWB 36

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music O worship the Lord HWB 124

Offering Marvelous grace of our loving Lord HWB 151

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Judges: 7:1-8

Sermon A moral exploration of fighting, arguing, and power based on Gideon's shrinking army.

Responding in Trust

Music O God, our help in ages past HWB 328

Prayer of the Church and the World

Benediction

Music Go, my children (vs 1-3) HWB 433

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Worship Leading: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
Music: Tena Giesbrecht

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

Hospitalized: Helen Voth, Bernard Wiebe and Jake Rempel at the Altona Health Centre.

Congratulations to Tom and Gail Braun on a momentous 50-year wedding anniversary on September 1!

With the recent coup in Niger, there is threat of war in the Sahel region of Africa. Please join us in praying that this escalation will stop, that peaceful forms of resolution will be found to the crisis in Niger and the other Sahel countries, and that peace will return to this region.

We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:

Carter Penner August 24	Marge Hiebert August 31
Verna Heinrichs (Peter) August 30	Anne Kehler September 1
Martha Friesen August 31	Gerald Voth September 2

WORSHIP CALENDAR

We are in the midst of a four-week sermon series called "**Seeking Peace Together.**" Each week we will explore a different Biblical character and how they modeled peace through their actions and how we are called to do the same.

Aug 13: Speaker: Mark

Aug 20: Speaker: Virginia

Aug 27: Speaker: Mark

Sept 3: Speaker: Terrell

Sept 10: Worship series on Spirituality and Holy Spirit

Sept 17: Worship at Camp Assiniboia, **no service in our church building**

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Tuesday, August 29, 10:30 am, Coffee with the church staff.

FROM THE PASTOR: Terrell Wiebe

This week, Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Canada celebrated the completion of its work in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia where they have been repairing homes since October of 2022 after hurricane Fiona struck Atlantic Canada.

Mennonite Disaster Service is an organization that uses volunteer labour to assist the most vulnerable in a community impacted by a natural disaster—people who would not otherwise have the means to recover on their own due to age, ability, lack of insurance or other circumstances.

MDS activity in Canada dates to 1948 when volunteers here in Manitoba helped people impacted by a flood in the Red River Valley. Since then, volunteers from Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish churches have joined together across North America to respond to natural disasters by serving those in need as an expression of our faith in Christ.

It strikes me that while MDS celebrates the end of their recovery work from one natural disaster in Eastern Canada, forest fires in Western and Northern Canada ensure the work of MDS will not run dry.

I served with MDS in 2012 in Pass Christian, Mississippi where the clean up from hurricane Katrina was continuing even 7 years after its occurrence. While the hard labour of rebuilding a person's home was meaningful, a highlight of my experience was serving alongside two old order Anabaptist groups, the Martin Mennonites from Ontario, and Pennsylvania Dutch Mennonites. The bringing together of people who engage very differently with the world yet are united by our Anabaptist faith, is one of the strengths of MDS.

I would love to hear any stories you might have about MDS. Have you ever served? Do you have more knowledge about the early days of MDS right here in the Red River Valley? Could an MDS trip be one of the ways God is calling a group from our congregation to serve?

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will not be livestream of the worship services during the summer months. The services will be posted online shortly after the service.

ABC goes to camp Sunday September 17! We are moving our worship to **Camp Assiniboia** (2220 Lido Plage, Cartier, MB). We will gather at 10:30 am for worship in the main lodge. Then share a meal together and enjoy one another's company as we take in the beauty of the camp setting while visiting and other activities for the afternoon. Cost is **\$20 per person** and includes lunch. **Please sign up** in the church foyer or by calling the church office **by Friday Sept. 1**. The afternoon will go until about 3 pm.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS: Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 - 8:15 is grade 7 day! All grade 7's are invited to come to the youth building to kick off the youth year a little early by checking out our space and doing a few activities.

Wednesday, September 13th 7:00 - 9:00. Youth kickoff for all grades!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC: Are you 18-20 and looking for ways to grow in your faith and self? Join Seek – a six-month discipleship program that will help you learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. Seek 2024 will be in Cambodia, from January to June 2024. Apply online before September 30! Seek to grow in love. Seek to live and serve like Jesus. mcc.org/seek

Support Eden Foundation's 21st annual Head for the Hills cycling event on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Information and registration online at www.edenhealthcare.ca.

Southern Manitoba Choral Society invites adults of all ages to join in singing together this winter. The poster in the lobby has further details or contact Sarah Dueck at 324-7144.

Care Partner Support Groups are being offered at Gardens on Tenth, the third Monday of the month, beginning September 18. For further details see the poster in the lobby.

MCI: We are looking ahead to September and the new school year as it quickly approaches. Leadership has been dedicatedly working towards staffing and planning for the upcoming school year. We can rejoice for the needs that have been met and pray for the needs that we are still facing heading into September.